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SUBJ: APPEARANCE OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY IN IVORY COAST

1. COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY HAS RECENTLY APPEARED IN ABIDJAN.
POLICE HAVE REPORTED THIS TO EMBASSY AND REQUESTED
INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO INCIDENTS IN ABIDJAN. ON DECEMBER 13,
1976, TWO IVORIANS AND A FRENCHMAN PASSED
TEN, ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS TO AN IVORIAN MERCHANT
WHO THEN TOOK THEM TO A LOCAL BANK WHERE THEY WERE
IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFIED AS COUNTERFEIT. THE NAMES OF
THE IVORIANS INVOLVED ARE LAMINE KONATE AND MOUSSA
FADIKA. THE FRENCHMAN'S NAME IS NOT KNOWN. KONATE
AND THE FRENCHMAN HAVE SINCE LEFT ABIDJAN.
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REPORTEDLY FOR GHANA. THE BILLS ARE DESCRIBED AS
BEING OF POOR QUALITY, POSSIBLY AN OFFSET PHOTO-
COPY PROCESS.

3. THE SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED ON DECEMBER 14
AND INVOLVED AN IVORIAN WHO TRIED TO CHANGE TWO,

ONE HUNDRED AND ONE, TEN DOLLAR BILLS AT A LOCAL BANK. THESE BILLS WERE ALSO OF POOR QUALITY BUT MAY HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY A DIFFERENT METHOD AS THE FINE DETAIL WORK EXHIBITED SEVERAL FLAWS.

4. FOR OUAGA: THE IVORIAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO PASS THE NOTES ON DECEMBER 14, WHOSE NAME WE DO NOT HAVE, CLAIMED HE RECEIVED THEM FROM AN AMERICAN PRIEST IN OUAGADOUGOU WHO IN TURN GOT THEM FROM HIS BROTHER. NAME GIVEN FOR THE PRIEST WAS ANGUILVO (PHONETIC). HE PURPORTEDLY HAS A CHURCH CALLED SAMBEDQUE LOCATED IN THE GOWOIN OR PETIT PARIS QUARTER OF OUAGA. ABIDJAN WOULD APPTECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE SOME OF THESE BILLS WILL APPEAR IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.
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